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PREDATOR ON THE RUN ARRESTED BY ICE IN FT. LAUDERDALE

Predator soon to be extradited to Rhode Island where he faces 1st degree child molestation charges

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL—A 27-year-old predator who attempted to elude law enforcement in Rhode Island by hiding in South Florida was arrested here Tuesday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents working out of ICE's Ft. Lauderdale office.

Desmond Richard Moore, a citizen of Jamaica, was indicted in Jan. 2003 in Rhode Island for 1st degree child molestation. Moore, who had been on the run since then, is in the U.S. without authorization.

ICE agents began the investigation into Moore after receiving information from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

"Crimes against children are inexcusable," said Jesus Torres, special agent-in-charge of ICE in Miami. "ICE will do its part to ensure that illegal aliens who victimize our children, not only face the criminal charges brought against them, but also face expulsion from the U.S."

Moore is currently detained in Broward County awaiting extradition to Rhode Island.

This arrest is part of a nationwide initiative known as Operation Predator. Operation Predator protects our children from sexual predators, including those who travel across continents to have sex with minors. Internet child pornographers and criminal alien sex offenders and child traffickers are also a priority for ICE. Since the initiative was launched in July of 2003, there have been more than 6,000 individuals arrested nationwide, over 274 of which have been arrested in Florida.

ICE encourages anyone who wants to report suspicious activity of suspected child predators and suspicious activity through our toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>

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